Circular re : State Congress.

257. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they or the Inspector-General of Police issued any order or circular to policemen regarding their treatment of the members of the State Congress and their interference with their present work ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased place a copy of such order or circular on the table ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A *copy of the circular is laid on the table.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the Inspector-General of Police has recently issued a circular regarding the work of the State Congress ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Sir, shall I answer or the Chief Secretary ?

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Sir, I rise to a point of order whether this question will arise as a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT : What is the question ?

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : My question was whether the Inspector-General of Police has issued any circular recently.

PRESIDENT : After this circular ?

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The honourable member is apparently putting a question to the Inspector General of Police. But the answer is expected to be given by the Chief Secretary.

PRESIDENT : So far as the Official Bench is concerned, it does not matter who answers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : The printed answer is under the name of the Chief Secretary and he was not on his legs when the supplementary question was put.

PRESIDENT : As a matter of fact, it may be that on certain departmental questions the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary or the head of the department may answer. That is according to the exigencies of Government, and anybody on behalf of Government can answer.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : My submission in that case is whether he has not to get the previous permission from the Chair for doing so.

PRESIDENT : It is a kind of intimation that the Government have decided that a particular question shall be answered by a certain officer apart from the name mentioned in the printed list.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : My question is whether the Inspector-General of Police has issued any circular after the circular referred to in the answer regarding the matter.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : No, Sir.

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Appendix VII.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 256.**

Statement by caste of clerks now in service in the office of the Inspector-General of Police.

Hindus—:		
Brahmin	...	4
Nair	...	13
Ezhava	...	2
Viswakarma	...	1
Vellala	...	3
Other Hindu	...	-
Other Specified Hindu	...	1
Muslim	...	2
Total	...	27

Appendix VIII.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 257.**

Cur. 823/SR/38.

Strictly confidential Circular dated the 25th October 1938.

In view of a change expected in the present political atmosphere of the State as a sequel to the general amnesty graciously granted by His Highness the Maharaja, Officers and men of the Force will, until further orders, ignore public meetings held under the auspices of the Travancore State Congress and its allied organisations unless there is reasonable apprehension of the outbreak of violence in any form. It will be sufficient for the time being if the reporters and a few plain clothes men attend such meetings addressed by responsible leaders and report the proceedings in the usual manner with particular reference to the advice given by these leaders and its effect upon the audience. No time should be lost in bringing to my notice cases where the seemingly non-violent processions and demonstrations burst into violence such as stoning, burning, picketing, etc.

The central idea behind this Circular is to impress upon every member of the Force that we on our side are prepared to treat the erstwhile law-breakers with the utmost consideration in the hope that they will see the error of their former ways and will henceforth take to constitutional, peaceful and non-violent methods of agitation. This should not be interpreted as a weakness on our part and does not certainly mean that we should relax our discipline and efforts to keep our Force in AI condition to meet any possible contingency in the future.

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